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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 C07K14/22 C07K14/255 C07K14/30 C07K14/315 C07K14/36
 C12N15/31 A61K39/02 A61K39/095 A61K39/112

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	TETTELIN H ET AL: "COMPLETE GENOME SEQUENCE OF NEISSERIA MENINGITIDIS SEROGROUP B STRAIN MC58" SCIENCE, AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE,, US, vol. 287, 2000, pages 1809-1815, XP000914963 ISSN: 0036-8075 cited in the application	17,18,26
X	-& DATABASE EMBL 'Online! gene NMB1343, 15 March 2000 (2000-03-15) "N. meningitidis serogroup B strain MC58 section 124 of 206 of the complete genome" retrieved from EBI Database accession no. AE002482 XP002239404 related to SEQ ID No. 2; 100% identity in 435 nt overlap from pos. 9519-9953 abstract -/--	17,18,26



Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.



Patent family members are listed in annex.

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X	-& DATABASE EMBL 'Online! 25 November 1994 (1994-11-25) ALA'ALDEEN, D.: "N. meningitidis pdh gene cluster" retrieved from EBI Database accession no. X82637 XP002239406 related to SEQ ID No. 2; 100% identity in 435 nt overlap from pos. 4708-5142 abstract	17,18,26
X	DATABASE EMBL 'Online! 8 March 1994 (1994-03-08) GUILLEN, G.: "N. meningitidis outer membrane protein P64k (pm-6) gene" retrieved from EBI Database accession no. X77920 XP002239407 related to SEQ ID No. 2; 99.7 % identity in 435 nt overlap from pos. 170-603 abstract	17,18,26

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X	<p>DATABASE EMBL 'Online! 25 March 1991 (1991-03-25) DAMS, E. ET AL.: "Cholera toxin A protein (CTA)" retrieved from EBI Database accession no. CAA41592 XP002239410 cited in the application abstract ---</p>	2,4-6,9
X	<p>DATABASE EMBL 'Online! MASON, H. S. AND ARNTZEN, C.J.: "Plant-optimized mutant V.cholera toxin subunit K63" retrieved from EBI Database accession no. AAY966654 XP002239411 100% identity in 258 nt overlap with sequence of accession number CAA41592 abstract --- -/--</p>	10

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A	GIUDICE DEL G ET AL: "GENETICALLY DERIVED TOXOIDS FOR USE AS VACCINES AND ADJUVANTS" VACCINE, BUTTERWORTH SCIENTIFIC. GUILDFORD, GB, vol. 17, no. SUPPL 2, 1 October 1999 (1999-10-01), pages S44-S52, XP000996148 ISSN: 0264-410X the whole document ----	12-15, 22-25
A	KRUEGER, K. AND BARBIERI, J.T.: "The family of bacterial ADP-ribosylating exotoxins" CLINICAL MICROBIOLOGY REVIEWS, vol. 8, no. 1, January 1995 (1995-01), pages 34-47, XP002239403 the whole document -----	

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

Although claim 25 is directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
2. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☒ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

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4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

1. Claims: 1-26

Protein related to SEQ ID No. 1; Mutants of that protein, specifically SEQ ID Nos. 10, 12, 14 and 16; DNA encoding the protein, specifically SEQ ID No. 2, 11, 13, 15, 17; vectors and host cells comprising the above nucleic acids; antibodies; compositions related to the above protein or nucleic acid; use of the protein and method of treatment

2. Claims: 1-7, 9-26

as subject 1, but related to SEQ ID No. 3,

3. Claims: 1-7, 9-26

as subject 1, but related to SEQ ID No. 4

4. Claims: 1-7, 9-26

as subject 1, but related to SEQ ID No. 5

5. Claims: 1-7, 9-26

as for subject 1, but related to SEQ ID No. 6

6. Claims: 1-7, 9-26

as for subject 1, but related to SEQ ID No. 7

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